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TWO CONVENTIONS

Silver Party and Populists Meet To-day at St. Louis.

SMOOTH SAILING FOR THE FORMER

But the Populists Are Still Divided on the Question of Endorsing Bryan and Sewall—Both Sides Confident and Fun Is Expected.

St. Louis, July 22.—The Siamese twin conventions which meet here to-day in different halls, but at the same hour, have as the ligature that binds them together in a settled purpose only the free silver plank of the Chicago platform. There is no attempt to disguise the truth that on all other issues the two conventions will be hopelessly divided. The national silver party, whose call, issued Jan. 4, 1896, stated that the paramount issue it had to consider was: "The gold standard, gold bonds and bank currency on the one side, and the bi-metallic standard, no bonds and government currency on the other." On this platform a representation of 1,313 votes was proposed for the "national silver convention," but not more than 300 of these straight silver delegates are recorded as present in the city, and scarcely more than that number was present when Dr. Mott of North Carolina called the convention of the silver men to order.

Smooth Sailing for Silver Party.

The representation of the people's party, or as it is generally termed the populist party of the United States, was established on a ratio which should have yielded 1,353 delegates and 655 delegates a total of 2,014. Chairman Taubeneck, who is not the least sanguine of the executive officers of the people's party, said this morning before the convention met that he did not expect a larger attendance than 1,000 delegates and alternates. The national silver party meets in what is known as the Music hall. Its course will be all plain sailing. It has only one purpose in view, the endorsement of free coinage of silver. It will listen with more or less attention to long scholarly addresses from Francis C. Newlands of Nevada, the silverite congressman, its chosen temporary president, and from William P. St. John of New York, ex-banker, who will be the permanent president. This body will in all probability follow its programme, which is to endorse the Chicago nominees on a silver platform, issue an address to the people, and either adjourn promptly or prolong the convention by long speeches until its more turbulent neighbor has concluded its proceedings.

Populists Divided.

The people's party assemble in the same hall which recently echoed with the name of McKinley as the republican nominee. As to what its course of procedure will be the claims of the two factions were this morning quite as divergent as they have ever been. The presence of Senator Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national executive committee, and his frequent interviews with prominent populist delegates has naturally given rise to rumors that a "deal" was on which would secure the endorsement of Bryan and Sewall by the populists and such a recognition of the people's party as would induce them to sink for the time being their own identity. Against this theory Mr. Taubeneck, chairman of the people's party, interposes the strongest kind of disclaimer, asserting with vehemence that the populists intend to nominate candidates of their own upon a platform of their own.

Both Sides Confident.

There has been strong talk of nominating a southern populist for the second place on the ticket, even if Bryan should secure sufficient strength to be endorsed for first place. But shrewd manipulators who are managing matters say that "the tail goes with the hide," and that if they carry Bryan through, of which they have no doubt, Sewall will follow. The "middle-of-the-road" men, on the other hand, are claiming to have carried everything before them. They held a meeting last night and counted twenty states as with them in a determination not to endorse the Chicago ticket. But their opponents say that they counted all the recalcitrant Bryan men as representing their states, whereas the full delegation, if polled, would have been adverse to them.

Picturesque Gathering.

Both sides seem at loss to estimate the significance of the selection of senator Marion Butler of North Carolina by the national committee as the temporary chairman of the convention. He has been claimed by each faction, and appears not to have committed himself irrevocably to either. This may, perhaps, explain his unanimous election as the temporary presiding officer of the convention. That it will be picturesque and curiously interesting gathering is already assured. Among those to be present are Gen. Weaver of Iowa and Mr. Streater of Illinois, both former candidates for the presidency on the populist ticket, and General Fields of Virginia, candidate for vice president.

Big Mills To Close Down.

Manchester, N. H., July 22.—Notice was posted to-day that the Ameskeag mills will close August 8 indefinitely. This will throw out 6,000 operatives.

NOTHING TO DISCUSS

Summons of the Cabinet To Gray Gables Discredited.

OLNEY'S VISIT WAS PURELY SOCIAL

Summer Vacation of the President Not Likely To Be Disturbed—Treasury Gold Reserve the Only Matter That May Call for Action at Present.

Washington, July 22.—The report that President Cleveland had summoned members of his cabinet and other party leaders to Gray Gables for a conference is not generally believed, as there is nothing really urgent at this time, except, perhaps, the condition of the treasury gold reserve. The Cuban matter will not probably again be considered until next fall, or until Consul-General Lee's report has been received by the president, which, as heretofore stated, it is generally understood he was instructed to prepare. The Venezuelan affair may possibly call for some attention before the president's vacation is ended, but this is hardly probable.

Olney's Visit Purely Social.

Buzzard's Bay, Mass., July 22.—Secretary of State Olney, who arrived at Falmouth Monday night, came up from his summer home yesterday and paid his respects to the president. Mr. Olney's call was a short one, as he returned to Falmouth on the first train. The presence of the cabinet officer at Gray Gables so soon after his return from Washington would naturally lead many to believe that his visit was an official one, but such, it is stated, was not the case. The call was said to have been purely a social one. As Mr. Olney had not seen the president since he came to Gray Gables, and the visit had nothing whatever to do with either the Cuban or Venezuelan correspondence. After Mr. Olney had left, the president went squintleague fishing with Joe Jefferson. Assistant secretary of the Treasury Hamlin has arrived at Marion for the summer.

Wants a Woman Suffrage Plank.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, who was one of the most emphatic bolters from the prohibition convention in Pittsburg, when the dissatisfied free coinage and woman suffrage advocates narrowed out of the hall, is here to urge upon the populist committee on resolutions the adoption of a woman suffrage and anti-saloon plank. Mr. Streater of Illinois, the people's party candidate for president in 1896, and James G. Field of Virginia, the candidate of the same party for vice-president four years ago, have come out in favor of the endorsement of Bryan and Sewall. The endorsement of Bryan by the silverite convention seems certain. The leaders of that party give this assurance, and are working hard with the populists to convert the doubtful delegates. A large number of the populists are demanding recognition of "some substantial character" from the Bryan people. No clear way to comply with their request has yet been suggested, but this does not alter the course of its promoters.

Senator Jones Views.

Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the national democratic committee, was an early riser this morning, but he was up none too soon to receive the populist delegates anxiously awaiting a conference. The Bryan forces outside the populist party have been materially strengthened by the arrival of Senator Cockrell, dem. of Missouri, and Senator Pettigrew, pop. of South Dakota and Congressman Towne, rep. of Minnesota, who were among those who walked out of the republican convention. None of the other bolting republican senators will be here, the republicans believing their position is sufficiently strengthened by the arrival of Senator Cockrell. Monday, in addition to these men, Gov. Stone of Missouri and Senators Jones and Stewart of Nevada have given the democratic chairman energetic assistance in his efforts to steer the convention into the highway that leads into the democratic camp. Senator Jones was quite confident this morning. He said the endorsement of Bryan was the only logical thing to do, and he was thoroughly grounded in the belief that this would be the outcome of this convention.

Has Made No Promises.

In the course of his talk, Senator Jones denied that he had made any statement offering to place a certain number of any number of populists upon the democratic executive committee. He said: "No promises of any kind have been made by me. But I have said all the time that, in this fight for free silver, republicans, democrats, populists, and silverites must stand together, and so far as I am personally concerned I propose to do all that I can to bring about this union of forces."

Blows Exchanged.

The contesting delegations from Illinois got mixed up in the hallway outside the room in which the national committee were hearing their respective claims last evening and blows were exchanged. The lie was passed, and in a second the two factions were mixed up on the floor. Dr. Taylor was thrown down twice. He used his fists to good advantage and landed several blows on the face of his opponent, Barnes. The men were pulled apart, but got together a second time. Dr. Taylor was thrown and several men piled up on top of him. There were threats of resorting to fire arms when the police arrived and restored order.

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A BLOODY VOYAGE

Further Details of the Triple Murder at Sea.

FIRST MATE IS PROBABLY CRAZY

The Bodies of the Victims Hacked with an Axe—Consul at Halifax To Take Testimony—The Accused Must Be Tried in the United States.

New York, July 22.—At the offices of the part owners and local agents of the Herbert Fuller, Swan & Son, it was said that the telegram received from the Halifax agent of the vessel, stating that the man suspected of the murder of Capt. Nash was the first mate, Thomas Bram, a Nova Scotian, who lived in New York city with his mother and wife, was a great shock and surprise. Mr. Swan of the firm said that he knew the first mate, and could hardly imagine the latter committing such a crime, as he was on excellent terms with Capt. Nash when the vessel left Boston and was a quiet man generally. Mr. Swan thought he must have been insane. Mr. Swan also said the murdered skipper was not a hard master, and never had any trouble in shipping a crew.

Story Told by Mr. Monck.

Halifax, N. S., July 22.—The story of the triple murder at sea on board the barkentine Herbert Fuller, which sailed from Boston on July 6 and put into this port yesterday with the dead bodies of Captain and Mrs. Nash and second mate August W. Bramberg, is the worst brought into this port by a sailing vessel in many years. The only passenger aboard, Lester H. Monck of Boston, and who took charge of the vessel after the tragedy, says that he knew nothing whatever of the crime until he heard of it from the first mate. During the night of July 13, he says, he heard a scream which he supposed was uttered by Capt. Nash's wife, but heard no further sound and paid no attention to what he thought might be a fancy. In the morning he went on deck. The first mate informed him that the captain, his wife and the second officer had been murdered in their berths, and asked Monck, who slept in a little cabin between the one occupied by Capt. and Mrs. Nash and the one occupied by the second mate, if he had been alarmed at anything during the night.

Heard Mrs. Nash's Scream.

Monck told him he had heard some one scream, and he had not paid any particular attention to that. Both the cabins of the captain and second mate immediately adjoin that in which he slept, so that he must have slept deeply not to have heard something of what was going on on the other side of the thin partitions. The murders could not have been committed without noise, for the weapon used in accomplishing them was an axe. The victims were hacked in a most sickening manner, blow after blow having evidently been inflicted upon them to make sure that life was extinct. Mr. Monck says that he assumed charge of the vessel and, with the assistance of the mate brought her into port. According to his story, Mr. Monck questioned the various members of the crew as to what they knew of the tragedy, but each one professed entire innocence and ignorance. Mr. Monck ordered the bodies taken out of the cabin and placed in a boat and towed astern, which was done. The following were the names of the officers and crew: Capt. C. I. Nash, first mate, Thomas Bram of Boston; second mate, August W. Bramberg of Finland, but a naturalized American citizen; steward, Jonathan Spencer of Rosario; crew, Frank Lehes, a native of France; Charles Brown of Sweden; Henry G. Shea of New Jersey; O. Anderson of Sweden, and Henry Berook of Holland.

A Matter for the United States.

The consul general will take the evidence of all the men at the consulate here and send it to the district attorney in whatever state the accused is to be tried. The alleged murderer cannot be tried here, as the act was committed on the high seas on an American vessel, and, therefore, comes under the jurisdiction of the United States. When a reporter of the United Press visited the vessel he found the pilot, William White, in charge. The pilot stated that he had boarded the vessel six miles southeast of Devil's Island. At that time she was heading this way, but before he got to her the helm was put down and the vessel headed off shore. He immediately surmised that there was something wrong. As 11 o'clock neared the ship and rowed around the stern those on board told him to be careful of the boat astern as it contained corpses. He asked what was the matter and one of the crew said: "There has been murder aboard and that boat contains the bodies of the captain, his wife and the second mate."

Monck a Young Boston Man.

Boston, July 22.—The father of Lester H. Monck, the passenger on board the barkentine Herbert Fuller, is a large real estate owner in this city. The young man is a member of the sophomore class of Harvard college. Owing to ill-health he was sent on this voyage to recuperate. It was his intention to go to Rosario, and from there sail for Liverpool; thence to Italy. His father left here last night for Halifax by train.

CONDITION OF CROPS.

Weekly Weather Bureau's Bulletin for Eastern and Middle States.

Washington, July 22.—The crop bulletin issued by the weather bureau for the past week says that the week has been generally favorable for growing crops in the principal agricultural states. New England—Rain needed; some barley has matured a week early; pastures drying. New York—Wheat, rye and some barley being harvested; some corn laid by; oats nearly ripe; damage to oats and corn by army worms continues. New Jersey—Corn is tasseling; melon crop in southwest counties seriously injured by lice, some fields plowed under; actual damage by army worm is small, newspaper accounts exaggerated; cutting of oats begun. Pennsylvania—Cultivated crops in good condition and have made rapid growth; most wheat and hay housed; large oat crop ripening and some harvested; army worms destructive in northern counties. Maryland—All growing crops still in good condition; peach shipments continue, but the best of the crop has not ripened.

VENEZUELAN MATTER.

House of Commons To Have a Chance To Discuss the Case.

London, July 22.—In the house of commons yesterday Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, the leader of the opposition in the house, asked if the government leader, the Hon. A. J. Balfour, would afford facilities for the discussion of the papers in the Venezuelan matter which were recently laid upon the table in the house of lords. Mr. Balfour said in reply that the expression of such a desire could not be ignored, but the negotiations anent Venezuela were still pending. He would, he added, confer with Sir William to see how it would be possible to meet his views.

FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

A Wounded Cuban Officer Arrives at New York—Brings Important Messages.

RELIEF FROM BANKS

Efforts in New York City To Strengthen the Gold Reserve.

\$18,000,000 HAS NOW BEEN PLEDGED

Bank President Tappan Believes the Amount Will Be Increased to \$20,000,000—The Treasury Reserve To-day Stands at \$89,603,865.

New York, July 22.—President Frederick D. Tappan of the Callatin National bank, said last evening: "The gold to be contributed to the treasury has been collected entirely among banks which belong to the New York clearing house. About \$18,000,000 has been pledged up to the present. It is hoped to increase the amount to \$20,000,000. Some of the trust companies which have gold may be asked to contribute. William Sherer, the manager of the clearing house, visited the uptown banks yesterday afternoon. I telegraphed to a prominent bank officer in Boston, asking him to collect gold there for the treasury. He replied by telephone that he would interest the banks in the Boston clearing house in the matter. Contributions by Boston banks will be deposited in the sub-treasury in that city. When I started out to secure contributions of gold by the New York banks I make up a list and put opposite the name of each the amount of gold which I thought it should contribute. I did not fix the amount in proportion to the gold holding of the bank, but simply set down the amount I thought it could spare. I have not met with a declination from a single bank that I selected as a contributor. There has been the heartiest co-operation by the banks. The gold will not be deposited in the New York sub-treasury in a lump. It could not be handled. It will be deposited to suit the convenience of the banks and the ability of the sub-treasury to receive, count and examine it. The list will not be completed before to-morrow and no gold will be delivered to the sub-treasury before that day. There is no way of preventing gold exports so long as it is cheaper for the Berlin bankers to obtain gold in New York than in London or elsewhere. This situation may change so that it will be cheaper to get gold in London."

TREASURY OFFICIALS QUIET.

No Information for Publication Regarding the Action of Banks.

Washington, July 22.—The treasury gold reserve at the opening of business to-day stood at \$89,603,865. Yesterday's withdrawals were \$164,100. There was no information for publication at the treasury of the contemplated action of the New York banks in coming to the relief of the treasury. Acting Secretary Curtis said he had no "official information" to give out. The treasury has about \$87,000,000 in United States notes and about \$35,000,000 of notes, and could readily exchange \$20,000,000 of these for gold. Both classes of notes are redeemable in gold on presentation, so that if the New York banks exchange gold for them, and later on they desire gold, all that is required is to present them to the treasury for redemption and they will get gold for them.

Not Candidates for Governor.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 22.—Hon. Perry Belmont has been spending a few days in Poughkeepsie as the guest of Chairman Hinkley of the democratic state committee. He has said that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for governor this fall. Chairman Hinkley also says that any talk about Senator Hill being a candidate for governor, or willing to accept the nomination, under any circumstances, is all moonshine. "Senator Hill ought not to be asked," he said, "to step into the breach every time the prospect seems darkest."

Meteor in Irish Waters.

London, July 22.—The Daily News today says that Emperor William's yacht Meteor has arrived at Dublin to take part in the Kingstown regatta. The paper adds that the Meteor is threatened with arrest owing to her captain refusing to pay the heavy salvage demanded by a tug for assistance rendered to the yacht a few days ago.

Labrador Fisheries.

St. Johns, N. F., July 22.—The first fishery news from Labrador has been received here. Excellent catches are being made along the southern part of the coast, but the northern part is blocked by ice, preventing navigation. This ice will probably stop the Peary expedition steamer Hope from reaching the coast so as to land a party there, which was originally intended.

Pope To Receive American Pilgrims.

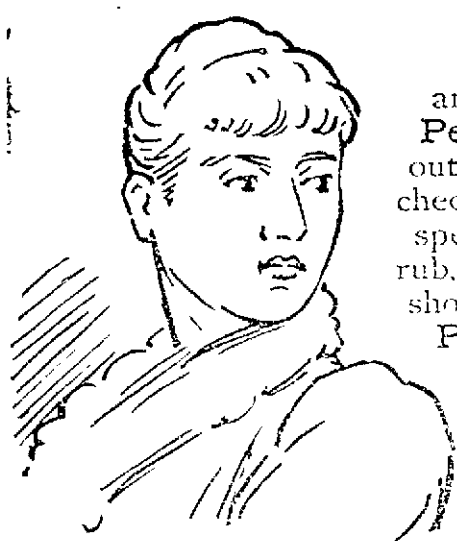
Rome, July 22.—On August 3 the pope will receive a number of American pilgrims, including 150 priests from the dioceses of New York and Philadelphia. After mass shall have been celebrated, the pilgrims will present to his holiness an American flag adorned with gold.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	T.	Per
Cincinnati	35	26	679	35.41
Cleveland	35	25	671	35.41
Baltimore	30	25	667	31.41
Chicago	47	36	596	31.43
Boston	42	34	552	31.43
Pittsburg	41	35	539	31.43

Minor League Games.

Springfield, 3; Buffalo, 0; (second game) Buffalo, 7; Springfield, 5. Wilkes-Barre, 4; Syracuse, 1; (second game) Wilkes-Barre, 3; Syracuse, 4. Scranton, 11; Rochester, 1. Albany, 5; Providence, 4. Newark, 9; Lancaster, 7. Philadelphia Athletic, 14; Paterson, 3. Wrentham, 3; Hartford, 2.



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BY MAEY SPAULDING HATCH.

The editor of Fresh Breezes wanted a bright story from my pen, and to that end I had conjured my brain by every device in my power. In vain had I scrutinized the pages of Puck and Life, and other suggestive periodicals of that ilk, but no glowing idea came. The red pools of the flowering bean tapped gently against the open window, and the yellow leaves of the cherry lazily floated earthward, whose action my sluggish mind persistently imitated.

The little fire upon the hearth crackled and blazed briskly, trying its best not to feel lost in the throat of the great, old-fashioned chimney, for the early autumn mornings in the Tennessee hills were cool enough to make a small fire welcome, especially so as country people in that climate are loath to keep closed doors; so the door to the porch stood open, and opposite that was the kitchen door, also open, allowing the odors of an appetizing breakfast unrestrained admittance.

I leaned against the high mantel, studying the fire, with that peculiar, downcast feeling that comes to one seeking inspiration, and finding circumstances utterly adverse.

Finally the andirons riveted my attention—the andirons that Minnie had scoured the day before till they shone as bright as the glowing logs they upheld; and the andirons, together with the sound of the quick, light steps of the girl in the kitchen, busily preparing the morning meal, led my mind over the recent events at the farmhouse.

Minnie was in love with an honest country lad, and it happened that her father did not approve of him, or pretended he did not. He could raise no objection to the young man's character, nor to his steady, plodding life—but he was slow—"all fired slow," growled Minnie's father, "besides, his family ain't much, an' his farm ain't worth th' scrapin' up a plow. Minnie could do better—a heap better. Any how there ain't no call fer her t' jump at such a chance, consider she ain't 20, an' since her ma died I can't get long without her." was the emphatic comment of that usually taciturn man, offered to me in return for a word I had spoken, with the intention of casting a stone from Minnie's path.

Well, of course, it was none of my business, though I couldn't help being interested in the girl. Minnie had borne patiently with her father, for, several times before Hiram's advent her "company" had been shown by unmistakable signs that it was useless to settle to anything like regular business; but Hiram's staying qualities seemed unusual—besides, Minnie liked him.

One night after her father had significantly wound the clock, and made other preparations for retiring, and, seeing no disposition in the young man to do likewise, he slowly turned out the light. Without a word Minnie immediately relit it, and repaired, with her young man, to the wide hall. Her father followed with his pipe, smoked for awhile, then yawned ominously, and finally fell into a state that admitted the issuance of an unceremonious, which only served to give the young people an excuse for drawing near each other, and conversing in whispers.

That angered the old man, who started up, kicked the dog till he howled, and in his clumsy attempt to eject the animal, managed to turn over the lamp, setting fire to the bare floor. A bucket of water did its duty to the accompaniment of all sorts of invectives and growlings about "young folks what didn't have no better sense n'ter set round an' burn coal oil enough ter git a man in debt, an' try ter burn th' house down ter boot."

Hiram was roused at last, his eyes gleamed, he stepped forward with an angry ejaculation, but Minnie quickly intercepted with a commanding gesture, and the entreaty: "Don't say a word ter daddy. Go out onter th' gallery n' I'll come in er minute. Now, daddy," she began, admirably controlling herself, "ye kin hev th' fire, an' th' light, th' hall, an' th' hull house—th' gallery is good enough fer me an' Hiram, but ef you drive him away from that, I will go, too."

The old farmer gazed stupidly at his daughter. She evidently meant what she said, and he was not prepared to carry hostilities further that night, so he uttered no word as she shut the door behind her—carefully avoiding slamming it, but it closed, nevertheless, with a certain emphasis.

Hiram kept up his visits regularly for more than a year, and though the father's reception was always marred by cool, he never again attempted to insult him.

One night the suitor ventured to say: "I'm a comin' fer Minnie some day."

"Well, ye needn't, young man; an' ye won't ef ye know when ye're well off," was the gruff retort.

At one time Minnie tried to reason with her father, but was unsuccessful. I knew by her red eyes and lagging steps. She seemed in deep thought for a few days, then she brightened, and went about her duties with unusual lightness and song.

I could see that her father watched her every mood, and that he really doted on his motherless daughter, for an expression of immense relief appeared on his face as soon as she was light-hearted.

One morning he came into the kitchen in a towering rage, accusing Minnie of intending to elope with Hiram.

She met him calmly, even smiling a little triumphantly. I thought, as he answered, reassuringly: "Ye needn't fear, father, I ain't going ter do nothin' uv the kind."

"She'd better not," he fumed; "if she would be fool enough to do such a thing, he'd turn her out of his house, he'd disinherit her, he'd never look at her again."

Somewhere the storm did not dampen

the girl's spirit. She hummed a tune as she set the meal on the table, and the old man, as if ashamed of his passion, praise! her for a mighty good dinner. But again in a few days he heard the story repeated; this time twitting her of it half jocularly, though he studied her furtively, as she replied, mirthfully:

"Most any girl with such a cross old daddy would do it, and no one would blame her," she said. Noting his frown, however, she added, wistfully: "I'd rather hev my father's consent ter being married."

He did not seem quite satisfied, and though he said nothing more, he sat smoking meditatively for a long time.

After that I often heard him pace the "gallery," as they called the long front porch, until late at night, a sign that he was troubled, or watchful, for his custom was to retire almost with the chickens.

He was often up till after midnight, for, being a light sleeper, and my window wide open, I was easily disturbed by his clumsy lounging in the shrubbery, or his peculiar laryngeal efforts that resembled the rasping of an insect. One evening I overheard a conversation. A young man from an adjoining farm had come over on some errand. I paid no attention to what he was saying to the farmer till he mentioned Hiram's name, then it occurred to me that he was one of Hiram's friends, and that his sister was a bosom confidant of Minnie. He was saying:

"Ye'll hev ter be hextra keerful 't'night, fer I heerd one o' th' hand-attakin', an' he said th' Hiram's nigger said th' 'lovement was planned fer half arter one o'clock ter night, sure."

"I've heerd ye say most th' same thing afore, an' I'm half o' th' mind that ye're a lyin' ter me."

"Call it lyin', then," retorted the other, indignantly, "but what I s'ld be tellin' hes fer is more'n I know!" then he resumed with evident good will:

"I was you I'd put er stop to it some ways; why, it'll worrit yer life about; ye look now 'sif ye hadn't had a speck o' sleep fer weeks."

There was nothing about Minnie at the supper table that betokened anything unusual. She was neither hilarious or dull; simply her pleasant, thoughtful self. One thing, however, I noticed, she did not appear to see that her father left his meal almost untasted, and that he studied her demeanor anxiously. Sometimes, amid the feminine chatter that she and I kept up, I fancied she glanced at her father with a sudden gleam of cunning craftiness, which, as quickly changed to something like tender remorse.

Minnie's room was next to mine, and a slight noise was easily heard through the thin partition, but everything was so absolutely still that night I thought I could hear her breathe.

The offensive smoke of the farmer's pipe greeted my nostrils as the clock struck one. Its reverberation had hardly ceased, when, from my window, I watched his dark shadow creep around near the corner, under the shrubbery, which offered a point of vantage of his daughter's room.

Slowly and silently an hour passed, and the clock in the dining-room loudly tolled, "one, two." The old man waited ten minutes longer, then dragged himself from the bushes. I could clearly distinguish his tall, lean figure as he stood, apparently gazing up to the window of his daughter's room. Something dropped from his hand, clattering as it struck the ground, and he started into the house. He shuffled off his shoes in the hall, and with awkward cautiousness ascended the stairs.

There was a slight jar, a sudden rustle in the adjoining room, then I distinctly heard the girl's regular breathing.

He neither stopped to listen or knock. The door must have been open for he entered immediately. A chair stood in the way; he stumbled over it, making a great racket on the uncarpeted floor.

Minnie's voice came sleepily: "What's th' matter?" but at the sound of her father's gruff, anxious: "Air ye thar, darter?" she sat up, wide awake, exclaiming:

"Why, daddy! what's up? Air ye sick?"

"Yes, I air sick—sick ter death o' this cursed business."

"Why, what's th' matter wif you, father?" (She called him father when very affectionate.)

"Minnie, tell me true—tell yer ol' daddy, didn't ye hev no notion o' runnin' away ter-night?"

"Not the least in th' world, ye pore ol' honey daddy; whatever put it into yer head?"

"An' hev ye no notion o' whippin' off wif Hiram—ain't him an' you comin' no game on yer ol' daddy?"

"A fair enough game, father; ye know well enough Hiram an' me hev been sweethearts a long time, an' we hev been waitin' patient fer yer consent. I shant never like no other man like I do him, an' I think sometime my dear ol' daddy 'll give in, fer he's right clever at heart; an' ef we kin wait fer his consent, when we might run off easy enough, don't it look like we'll stand by ye as long as we live?—don't it, daddy?"

I could imagine how Minnie caught his hands, and how the poor, wornout old man succumbed, just as his arful, loving daughter expected; for I heard him give a broken sob, then her low, comforting tones, reassuring him.

The old andirons reflected Minnie's brightness as she stepped to the door, and announced breakfast that morning; and perhaps it was no wonder that I could think of nothing more inspiring all day than the girl's happiness and loyalty, as she excused herself for making the meal a trifle later than usual.

"I was bound ter give father somethin' good this mornin'—he's deservin' it, fer he's promised ter set me an' Hiram up in housekeepin', an' ter stay by as all his life," she said with a tender glance at the old man, who, hastily culped down his coffee, declaring joyously, he'd take it all back if she failed to continue to feed him on the present excellent fare.

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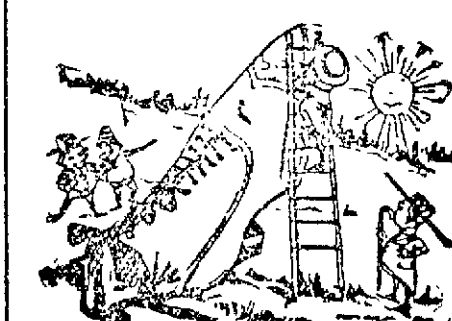
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GUNPOWDER IN EARLY DAYS.

Was Possibly Used in Warfare Before the Beginning of History.

People outside of military life who have no connection with the making of gun powder know it only as a coarse, black powder like black sand, which will flash off with a loud report if shut up in a case of any kind, and set on fire. It is a very queer mixture, made up of three simple and well-known substances, one of which will explode, although two will burn, says Lieut. John H. McLean in St. Nicholas. Nobody knows when it was discovered, but it is said that it was first used as a fire in the dark ages as a means of setting on fire an enemy's camp, and that it was used, though not used for war, as a means of setting on fire a house, or a ship, or a fort. It was, no doubt, used by the ancients, and it is said that it was used by the Romans in the time of their greatest power, but their limited mechanical skill could suggest very little use for it.

Possibly it was used in warfare long before the beginning of history; but the first man in historical times to form an idea of the terrible destruction which this awful, burning, fiery substance might produce was an English monk named Roger Bacon. Monks, in his day, were the chemists, scholars and writers of the world; and this Roger Bacon traveled and studied much, and made continual experiments in his laboratory to prove for himself and to develop what he learned from others. He probably saw gunpowder among the Moors in Spain, and tried for himself its explosive effect. Then he wrote of its composition in the year 1267, and in his writing suggested that it could be used in engines of war to deal death and destruction to armies of men.

Soon after Roger Bacon's time his suggestions were taken up and guns were constructed first by binding iron bars together with hoops to form a tube, then by casting a tube out of brass, with one end closed. Stones of suitable size were selected as shot, and the powder had to be carried around in chests or barrels and shoveled into the muzzles of the guns, the stones being rolled in after it. In spite of these drawbacks very large guns were built, for there was one used by Mahomet II. against the Greeks at the siege of Constantinople in 1453 which threw a stone weighing 600 pounds a distance of one mile.

POLLY WORRIED THE NURSE.

Learned to Cry Just Like the Baby Did.

A nurse at Broomfield complains that she has a difficulty with a parrot, says the Weekly Telegraph. Polly's cage is in the nursery and she has learned to imitate baby's voice when crying with wonderful accuracy. One afternoon recently the baby's mother came running into the nursery because she heard the wailing cry, not of one, but of two babies. Baby was crying as though his heart would break, and Polly, on her perch in the cage, was sobbing a doleful accompaniment, while the nurse alternately soothed the one and scolded the other.

"It's that damned parrot, ma'am," she said. "She's that aggravatin'! Just because I won't give her a lump of sugar she starts crying like a child and that sets baby off, so that they fair worrit my life out between them."

"Give me the child," said the mistress, scarce able to repress a smile at nurse's distress, and as she went along the passage she heard the girl say:

"Oh, you are an aggravatin' insect if there ever was. Give over crying, can't you?" And in reply Polly sobbed louder than ever, so that the cage was shaken with the violence of her woe.

Flattered.

She—What charming teeth Mrs. Highgate has!

He—You flatter me, madam.

She—Oh, pardon; you are her husband!

He—Oh, not only her dentist.—Judy.

Too Affectionate.

Mamma—You know, Johnnie, that when mamma whips her little boy she does it for his own good.

Johnny—Mamma, I wish you didn't think quite so much of me.—Tit-Bits.

Perfectly Plain.

Tired Tatters—Yes, sir, pard, it says yer be honest.

Weary Wrangles—I know, now, Tatters, why yer so durn poor.—Louisville Truth.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison—of Worthington, Ind., "Sun" writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I am deeply indebted to you for constipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stebbins, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a headache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a Bottle at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

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Persons who have a coughing spell every night, on account of a tickling sensation in the throat, may overcome it at once by a dose of One Minute Cough Cure. W. D. Olney.

TO BE COMFORTABLE

During The Hot Season.

Persons who care to keep comfortable during the hot weather should look more particularly to their food and drink than to clothing. Use wheat or oatmeal for breakfast with a little milk, bread and butter and a cup of hot Postum Cereal; this beverage is not coffee exactly, although it looks like the real coffee. It is a liquid food made of grains and is highly nourishing.

Avoid food drinks at meals as the stomach depends upon rest very largely in its digestive operation and the food which is taken seriously interferes with the work. If one's stomach is kept right in hot weather it is much easier to keep comfortable and well. Hot nourishing drinks at meals are sensible, and Postum Cereal perfectly meets the want.

Beware of imitative imitations of the original Postum Cereal Grain coffee. Insist on Postum.

MONEY USED IN WAR TIMES.

Rare Collection of Currency Employed in Trade During the Rebellion.

There is a collection in this city, says the New York World, which is wanted to make the eye of the collector gladden with delight. It is a coin collection, not of antiques which have the history of ages stamped on their faces, but of coins none more than 25 years old, but each one of which tells not only the story of the nation, but also a personal history.

The coins are of 625 varieties, and represent the various metal moneys issued by private individuals during three years of the rebellion. Each bit of brass or copper has a different design stamped on it, and others a name and address. Occasionally a wing has been announced in brass tones "I owe you one cent." Delmonico, the gatherer in of silver and gold, found it necessary to send forth bits of metal stamped with his name. Of shoemaker, grocer and candlestick makers there are any number. One man announces to the world that 5,000 people are annually cured by his pills, while another inculcates the moral of "little by little," presumably pennies, to insure wealth. The interest of the collection is not confined entirely to the comic, but to the manner in which they have been set up.

Dr. George R. Bond, of New York city, collected the coins with great care not later than 1863, and arranged them in a design representing the front elevation of the capitol at Washington. Brass pieces are so arranged as to suggest the windows and porticos. Around the coin design are arranged pieces of paper money used during the war. Including duplicates, just 1,252 articles have been employed. It is probably the only collection of its kind in the country. The whole is inclosed in a frame five feet eight inches by four feet, and is the property of Mrs. Kirschmann, of No. 149 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn.

A Swan's Wing.

The first surgical case that I had in the state of Arkansas was setting an arm that had been fractured by a blow from a swan's wing. The accident occurred on Swan Lake, near Shawnee Village plantation, in Mississippi county, in the winter of 1870, says a physician in Forest and Stream. The patient, a hunter for the Memphis market, was "fire hunting" at night, and a band of swans flew at the light. The man was in a little pirouette, and instinctively threw his arms up to protect his head. The left arm was struck by the wing of one of the birds and sustained a compound fracture of the forearm, both bones being broken.

Pulled Two Teeth for Revenge.

Dr. Dougal was a famous Scotch physician, and as eccentric as learned. One day a man came to consult him, in an agony of pain, and, after an examination, the doctor told the patient he had an ulcerated tooth and advised him to pull it out. An argument ensued, during which the sufferer cried out: "What do you know about teeth?" At this, the doctor seized a pair of forceps and shouted: "I'll draw every tooth in your head!" The alarmed patient ran out of the house, with the doctor in pursuit, who finally overtook him in the market place, and took out two of his teeth, in the midst of an interested crowd.

A Badly-Broken Spine.

James Stiles is in the hospital at Easton, Pa., suffering from a broken back. A year ago he fell and broke his spinal column, and in spite of the doctor's efforts he has not recovered. Since then he has broken his spinal column five times and has spent most of his time in hospitals.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alhambra, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years of more, and have never found anything so beneficial or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial Bottles Free at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

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Pure blood and a good digestion are an insurance against disease and suffering. Buckard Blood Bitters keeps the blood pure, the digestion perfect.

Sentenced for Manslaughter.

Boston, July 22.—John Gannon was yesterday found guilty of manslaughter in killing Mrs. Annie Powers at 9 Oswego street, June 23, and was sentenced to the state prison for not less than four years nor more than six. Mrs. Martin, the principal witness, saw the crime committed.

Vanderbilt Cut of Danger.

New York, July 22.—It was stated this morning by a member of the family that Cornelius Vanderbilt had improved steadily all night. The clot in the blood vessel on the brain, which caused the paralysis, is believed to have been absorbed, and that all danger is now passed.

Died in His Bath.

Newark, N. J., July 22.—John H. Shoemaker, the senior member of the firm of Shoemaker, Pickering & Co., manufacturing jewelers of this city, and prominent in Eastern league baseball circles in 1888, died of apoplexy in his bathtub yesterday.

Floral Fete at Saratoga Sept. 1.

Saratoga, N. Y., July 22.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Floral Fete association last evening it was decided to have the annual floral fete on Tuesday, September 1.

Lorillard's Magic Sold for \$1,250.

London, July 22.—P. Lorillard's chestnut filly Magic, which won the Wigston 2-year-old selling plate of 160 sovereigns at Lancaster Monday, has been sold for \$1,250.

Carlisle Returns to Washington.

Washington, July 22.—Secretary Carlisle and family, who have been cruising in Chesapeake bay for the past week on the lighthouse tender Maple, returned to the city last night.

Willing to Learn.

Lord Cheshamford relates that a friend of his at the bar was once engaged in a nautical case in which it appeared that a vessel had been exposed to a very severe gale of wind, and had been thrown upon her beams' ends. The barrister, ignorant of nautical matters, asked a seaman who was in the witness box how it was they did not lower the topmast, upon which the witness said, with a sneer: "If you knew as much of the sea as I do, you would know that this is not a very easy matter." This incident led the counsel to turn his attention to the subject, and he invented an apparatus for lowering topmasts, for which he obtained a patent and realized thereby upward of \$100,000 by his invention.

His Brother Was Deaf.

A millionaire railway king has a brother who is hard of hearing, while he himself is remarkable as having a very prominent nose. Once the railway king dined at a friend's house, when he sat between two ladies, who talked to him very loudly, rather to his annoyance, but he said nothing. Finally one of them shouted a commonplace remark, and then said in an ordinary tone to the other: "Did you ever see such a nose in your life?" "Pardon me, ladies," said the millionaire, "it's my brother who is deaf." Imagine the horror of the ladies.

Knows Only One.

Friend—Your wife seems like a different woman when she is speaking. Tompkins—So? I'm afraid I don't know the other.—Town Topics.

The Anglers' Paradise.

"Was it a good place to fish where you were?" "First-class; every other shop in town had fish to sell."—Chicago Record.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot held firmly and moderate. July, 61½c; August, 62c; Sept., 62½c.

Corn—Trade is light; old figures. July, 33½c; August, 34½c; Sept., 33½c.

Oats—Spot held firmly; trade fair. July, 22½c; August, 23c.

Pork—Spot steady and fair inquiry. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, \$8.50@9.00; family, \$9.50@10.00; mess, \$7.75@8.75.

Lard—Contracts are steady; fair July, \$4.27.

Eggs—Steady; fair demand. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 13½@14c; southern, 11@12c; western, fresh, 11@12c; duck, 12½@14c; geese, 15@16c; western, case, \$2.00@3.35.

Butter—Fancy creamery steady and demand moderate. Creamery, new western extras, 15c; state and Pennsylvania, seconds to best, 13@15c; creamery, western seconds, 10@12c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, fresh, factory, 11c; state dairy, half-firkin tubs, seconds to firsts, 11@14c; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 10@12c; western factory, firsts to extras, 9@10c.

Cheese—The demand is slow; supplies not large; prices steady. State full cream, large size, full made, colored, choice, 6½c; late made, choice, 6½@7c; large, common to choice, 2@4½c.

Potatoes—Receipts are excessive and common stock dragging at low prices. Norfolk and Eastern shore rose, prime, per barrel, 75c@80c; Norfolk, red, prime, \$90c@91c; North Carolina prime \$1.00@1.12.

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Impoverished

* Blood

whether due to the inheritance of some scrofulous disorder, or caused by a depleted condition of the system, is the cause of much agony. A terrible complexion, foul eruptions, and loathsome ulcers are but outward symptoms—the sufferer should remember that all of the great organs of the body are likewise diseased, and the day cannot be long distant when death must surely ensue.

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LIFE AT THE STATE CAMP.

MEMBERS OF 24TH GIVEN LITTLE CHANCE FOR REST OR PLAY.

A Hot and Humid Day, But No Let Up From Hard Work—Non-Coms Getting More Schooling Than They Want—No More Early Rising—Praise for "Onr."—The Press's "Roasting" of Col. Butt Not Approved Of.

STATE CAMP,
PLANKMILL, N. Y.,
July 21.

Editors ARGUS: Another cloudy and humid day with plenty of hard work. It rained nearly all night and stopped just before 5 o'clock this morning, as it is to allow the early morning drill to take place. The sun has only shone at intervals and very little air is stirring, making work altogether uncomfortable.

Captain Thurston, as instructor of drills, made a big hit with the men this morning, allowing them to stand at ease at the completion of each movement of the battalion.

The "powers that be" at headquarters are evidently determined that the officers and men, who visit camp this week, shall know more when they leave next Saturday than they did when they came here, last week. Therefore frequent schools of officers are held and the non-coms are hauled over the coals every afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is rumored that the schools will be held every day, and as a consequence there is considerable grumbling on all sides.

As I predicted, Sunday, there was very little noise in the street this morning, before reveille, and it took considerable hustling for the non-coms to get the men out of their tents in time to answer roll call.

The damp weather makes an extra lot of work for the men in keeping brasses and rifles bright and clean and this, in connection with drills and other work, leaves very little time for play.

The 5th Separate Company defeated the 9th Regiment in a game of ball yesterday, by a score of 22 to 5. The Regiment were not in it with the ball players from Orange county.

As usual, the 24th is making a record in State Camp. Its appearance at dress parade is equal, if not superior, to that of any company in line.

Private E. M. Decker was detailed as orderly for Colonel Seward, this morning, an honor which every company strives to obtain.

None of the members reported sick this morning, and Private Razy, having recovered from his indisposition, went out on the early morning drill.

Our home visitors, today, were Chas. Higgins and Samuel Ayres, who returned camp about 2 o'clock.

Sergeant Hathaway returned home, this afternoon, having been called by business.

The guard detail for to-morrow from the 24th is as follows: Sergeant Rodgers, Privates Burr, Conkling, Finch, J. Gray, Jones, Lawrence, Melick, Terwilliger, Supernumerary, Private Sergeant.

Several members of the company went to Peekskill, last evening, to witness a cake walk given up by the camp waiters.

A new or the men were given passes to Peekskill, this afternoon.

The Veterans Association of the 9th Regiment will visit camp, to-morrow. Two thousand excursionists are expected to accompany them, and a big day is anticipated.

The First Sergeant of the 27th Company was prosecuted by the heat at guard mount, this morning, and was carried from the field by the hospital corps.

The inspection of streets, this morning, was particularly thorough, and the company of its neatness.

The criticism of Lt. Col. Butt in a Middletown paper does not meet with the unanimous approval of the company. It is unwise, unkind and unbecoming. The Colonel's note might result in a harsh word from the company.

A. L. N.

TO REVIEW PORT JERVIS' TAX ROLL.

Attorneys of the D. and H. Canal Co. secure a Writ of Certiorari.

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UP THE MIDLAND.

Won't Get the O. and W. Shops Yet a While—Ten Murders in Three Years—Will Crowd the Asylum—Very Hard Times for Farmers—Timber Land in Good Demand—A Poor Woman's Improved Smoothing Iron.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MIDDLETOWN.

—Walton people have been stepping high for the past two weeks in hopes that the Midland shops might be moved from Middletown to Walton. These shops will not be moved right away, but in the meantime it will be good policy for Middletown people to do as well by the O. and W. as that road does by them. It is a bad horse that bites the hand that feeds him.

—It is not generally known but it is a fact all the same that ten persons were murdered in cold blood in Sullivan county alone during the three years that Sheriff Decker was in office. This is no reflection on the sheriff, as he would doubtless have proved it then if he could. It is a fact that is not on the county at large, as Sullivan is as full of good law abiding citizens as any county in the State.

—A Delaware county farmer is contesting the title to a farm, for the reason that he was insane when the papers were made out. A Sullivan county man made a bad investment in Orange county real estate and his friends had the young man sent to the Asylum and the bargain broken up in consequence. Just imagine what the result of all this is going to be when all those who get beat in a horse trade begin to squeal. There won't be standing room in your Middletown State Hospital then.

—Whatever may be the verdict of the Inter-State Commerce Commission on milk freight, it will make but little difference to our Up Midland farmers, as they can no longer make an honest living at milk production. While the price for milk may be as good as for butter, yet it ought to be much better, as with milk the farmer has no chance what-ever of holding for a rise, as is often the case with butter.

—Despite the hard times and consequent falling off in value of farm lands, there is still a good demand, and that, too, at fair prices, for timberlands of all kinds up this way, those covered with hemlock being the most valuable and eagerly sought after. I have always advanced the idea that it was not better for owners of these lands to hold on to the timber than to have them stripped for acid wood at a paltry price of ten cents a cord for stumpage, as is too often the case.

—The old saying that a good workman never finds fault with his tools, was never better illustrated than in the case of a Sullivan county woman, the wife of a scamp maker, who was reduced to such extreme poverty that she was compelled for want of a flat iron to use a piece of a railroad rail about six inches long with which to do the laundry ironing. It was a makeshift to be sure, and the poor woman was compelled to use it for an entire winter. The flat portion of the rail that rests on the fire, was the part used to smooth the clothes with, and the rounded part or top of the rail answered for a handle. While she was doing this her worthless husband of a husband was drinking up what little earnings he could get hold on at the school. It were better for some women and men, too, had they never been born.

—R. H. S.

THE ARMY WORM AT LIBERTY.

Great Damage Done to Growing Crops—On the Walnut Mountain Road.

The army worm has appeared in great numbers in the vicinity of Liberty, Sullivan county, and has done great damage. Many farmers in order to save their crops have sent them for fodder. All attempts to check the progress of the worms or to destroy them have been practically of no avail.

The road leading to Walnut Mountain was yesterday darkened by a great number of the worms on Sunday. The worms made their way over or through a layer of dust much thicker, and very warm when they passed over the road crushed thousands of the writhing pests.

At one side of the road on a bare spot of the way there was a deep gully, worn by recent rains, and into this the worms had dropped by the thousands, until they covered the bottom to a depth of several inches. At another point in the road two women sat on a rock talking and did not notice the army worm until some of the children went and had crossed the road and had been crawling up the skirts of their dresses.

A MID-SUMMER EXCURSION.

A Chance to Spend a Day at Coney Island at Very Small Cost.

The New York, Ontario and Western R. Co. will run the annual mid-summer excursion to Coney Island, on Sunday, July 27. Seats on train will leave for Coney at 6:20 a. m., connecting at Westchester with special excursion car, engaged for transportation of excursionists through New York City. The daily low rates to and from Coney Island for the round trip, and no doubt a large number of excursionists will take advantage of this opportunity of a really day's outing, every six hours will be served at the beach.

Population of the State Hospital.

According to the figures for the year 1895, the State Hospital for the Insane at this city, 1,177 patients, of whom 584 were males and 593 were females. During the year 1,000 patients were admitted and 1,000 discharged.

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IN ANCIENT GOSHEN.

Personal Mention—Some Hints to the New Woman—Concerning Flying Machines.

From a Special Correspondent.

—Miss Martha Voorhees, who has had a painting class in this village for some years, has returned to her home in New Jersey for the summer vacation. She will resume her class in Goshen in the fall.

—It would be somewhat interesting to know who owns the largest share of the earth, the boy and the woman with a baby carriage. Between them there is really very little room for the ordinary man who is not on wheels, but is trying to make his unobtrusive way along the sidewalk on foot. By the way, there are two or three suggestions that might be made to the new woman while she is becoming things generally. One is that when she takes her walks abroad with two or three other members of her sex she might stop aside when she meets a solitary pedestrian, or such an one is but too often compelled to pursue his lonely wanderings in the gutter, overborne by the horde of numbers. This is something that the old woman, in spite of her many charming ways, has seldom learned to do. Another is not to carry her umbrella under arm in a crowd, thereby endangering the eyesight of those in her immediate vicinity. Lastly, but not least, when she sends her husband out with the baby carriage, let her beg him, as he is strong, to be merciful and not wheel it in one direction, while his gaze is directed in another, thus making, on a small scale, a juggernaut car of the vehicle in which his innocent offspring reposes. After the dying machine has been perpetuated these trifles may not be of so much consequence, but so long as there still are people who are obliged to walk, a few words of warning may bear fruit.

—If, a few years hence, the Salem witches should be allowed to revisit this planet and see part of its inhabitants scorching along on two wheels and others flying through the air like enormous bats, how they will smile at the sight of such complicated machines, as they read those good old times when it was only necessary to take the family broomstick and its resting place, mount it and away for a ride over the tree tops and the homes of their sleeping townspeople far below. Such a simple machine as that must have been something worth while. So, in the first place, so easily kept in repair, and then one never has heard of anyone having taken a header from one.

—G. H.

Three As vs. Port Jervis on Hospital Grounds, To-morrow.

The Three A's will play the Port Jervis Y. M. C. A. nine on the State Hospital grounds, to-morrow afternoon. The batting order of the home team will be as follows:

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